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AGENDA

MEETING OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

6:00 P.M.

MAY 5, 2010

ADDISON CONFERENCE AND THEATRE CENTRE

15650 ADDISON ROAD

Item #1 - Discussion by the Commission of the Draft of the 2010 Charter Review Commission Report to the City Council.

Adjourn Meeting

Posted: April 29, 2010 at 5:00 P.M.
Lea Dunn - City Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE ADDISON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

May 5, 2010
6:00 P.M. –Board Room
Addison Conference and Theatre Centre
15650 Addison Road

Present: Bruce Arfsten, Kelly Blankenship, Burk Burkhalter, Linda Groce,
David Griggs, Neil Hewitt, Susan Hayes, Lance Murray, Suzie
Oliver, Bill Perry, Roy Stockard

Absent: Margie Gunther

The minutes of the April 28, 2010 meeting were approved, as revised by the Commission.

Item #1 – Discussion by the Commission of the second draft of the 2010 Charter Review Commission Report to the City Council.

The Commission discussed the draft report, which had been prepared by the Commission sub-committee designated to draft the report.

The Commission discussed Section 3.2 CURRENT TIMES and determined that it would make a change to the last bullet point under the subsection titled: The Commission discussed other relevant points including the following. The Commission conducted a straw vote with the following results: eleven members voted to amend the last bullet point to read as follows:

Liquor stores are not major generators for offense reports and arrests.

No members voted against the proposed revision.

The Commission discussed Section 3.5 POTENTIAL LEGAL CHALLENGES. The Commission conducted a straw vote with the following results: eleven members voted to amend Section 3.5 to read as follows:

Current state code does allow amending a Charter provision such as Addison's Section 11.04 as long as the amended provision is "less restrictive". Given that Addison is the only city in the entire state of Texas that is allowed to regulate alcohol sales in this manner, it is possible that the amended Charter provision may be challenged. The Commission thoroughly discussed the possible ramifications of legal challenges to a

potential change in the Charter and posed different questions testing the strength of the Commissioners' resolve in wanting to allow the city-wide sale of beer and wine. The majority of the Commissioners by a 9 to 3 vote were in favor of the Charter being changed even if a legal challenge invalidated Charter Section 11.04 grandfather clause and resulted in sales of distilled spirits city-wide, in addition to beer and wine.

No members voted against the proposed revision.

The Commission discussed Section 3.6 CONCLUSION. The Commission conducted a straw vote with the following results: Eleven members voted to keep the paragraph as written in the draft report. No members voted against keeping the paragraph as written.

The Commission discussed Section 4, TERM LIMITS. The Commission conducted a straw vote with the following results: Eleven members voted to revise the section to read as follows:

4.1 DISCUSSION

Term limits were discussed at length (Charter Section 8.04).

In a straw vote to determine if term limits should be kept and not eliminated, 10 of 11 Commissioners voted in favor of keeping some form of term limits.

The Commission also discussed the idea of extending the number of consecutive terms allowable (Charter Section 8.04h). The main benefit of extending the number of consecutive terms was the opportunity for members of the Council to establish better relationships in regional governmental organizations. In a straw vote regarding discussion of extending the number of terms for the Mayor and Council Members from a maximum of three consecutive terms to four, the following results were recorded, from the 11 Commissioners present:

- 5 voted that the Mayor be allowed to serve four consecutive terms
- 2 voted that Council Members be allowed to serve four consecutive terms

4.2 CONCLUSION

Thus, since there was no majority reached in regard to making any changes, the Commission decided to recommend no revision to term limits in Section 8.04.

No members voted against revising the section.

The Commission Discussed Section 5 OTHER PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CHARTER. The Commission conducted a straw vote with the following results: Eleven members voted to approve Section 5 as submitted by to the Commission by the Chairman and the subcommittee. No members voted against approving Section 5.

Commissioner Hewitt moved to approve the entire Final Report with the amendments that had been voted on by the Commission. Commissioner Griggs seconded. Motion carried.

Voting Aye: Bruce Arfsten, Kelly Blankenship, Burk Burkhalter, Linda Groce, David Griggs, Neil Hewitt, Susan Hayes, Lance Murray, Suzie Oliver, Bill Perry, Roy Stockard.

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Margie Gunther

The Commission discussed how and when the Report would be presented to the Council. John Hill and Lea Dunn advised that it would be best that the Report be presented at the May 25, 2010 meeting. The Commission agreed to this date, and all members consented to be present at the Council meeting. Lastly, the Commission determined that Commission Chair Groce would present the Report on behalf of the Commission.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.